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For: ISOLATED HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS,  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN  
SECRETED PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

**Statement Regarding Duty Of Disclose Information Material To Patentability  
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Sir:

This statement is to inform the United States of Patent and Trademark Office that Applicants and their representative have made a good faith effort in searching prior art relating to this invention.

No prior art material to patentability of the present invention has been found. The closest information associated with the invention is disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 in the top BLAST search results. However, this information, by itself or in combination with other information, does not constitute a prima facie case of unpatentability of any of the pending claims. Thus, it does not defeat the novelty of the present invention and the actual underlying references for the top BLAST hits are not being provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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A Preliminary Amendment (Restriction Election), a Statement Regarding Duty of  
Disclosure, and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time in the above-identified  
application follows.

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